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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

27 CFR Parts 4 and 24

[Notice No. 868]

RIN 1512-AB78

Implementation of Public Law 105-34, Section 1417, Related to the Use of Additional Ameliorating Material in Certain Wines (98R-89P)

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking cross-referenced to temporary regulations.

SUMMARY: In the Rules and Regulations portion of this **Federal Register**, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) is issuing temporary regulations to implement section 1417 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. The new law made changes in the use of additional ameliorating material in certain wines. The wine regulations are amended to extend the amelioration and sweetening limitations so that wines made exclusively from any fruit (excluding grapes) or berry with a fixed acid content of 20 or more parts per thousand is entitled to a volume of up to 60 percent ameliorating material.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Chief, Regulations Division, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, P.O. Box 50221, Washington, DC 20091-0221, Attention: Notice Number 868.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas B. Busey, Regulations Division, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226; (202) 927-8204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this proposed rule is not a significant

regulatory action as defined by Executive Order 12866. Therefore, a regulatory assessment is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Because this proposed rule does not impose a collection of information requirement on small entities, the provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601) do not apply. Moreover, the revenue effects of this rulemaking on small businesses flow directly from the underlying statute. Likewise, any secondary or incidental effects, or other compliance burdens flow directly from the statute. Pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7805(f), this proposed regulation will be submitted to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507) and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, do not apply to this notice of proposed rulemaking because no new requirement to collect information is proposed.

Public Participation

ATF requests comments on the temporary regulations from all interested persons. Comments received on or before the closing date will be carefully considered. Comments received after that date will be given the same consideration if it is practicable to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before the closing date.

Comments may be submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX) to (202) 927-8602, provided the comments: (1) are legible, (2) are 8 1/2" x 11" in size, (3) contain a written signature, and (4) are three pages or less in length. This limitation is necessary to assure reasonable access to the equipment. Comments sent by FAX in excess of three pages will not be accepted. Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged. Facsimile transmitted comments will be treated as originals.

ATF will not recognize any material in comments as confidential. Comments may be disclosed to the public. Any material which the commenter considers to be confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comment. The name of the person

submitting the comment is not exempt from disclosure. During the comment period, any person may request an opportunity to present oral testimony at a public hearing. However, the Director reserves the right, in light of all circumstances, to determine if a public hearing is necessary.

The temporary regulations in this issue of the **Federal Register** amend the regulations in 27 CFR parts 4 and 24. For the text of the temporary regulations see T.D. ATF-403, published in the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Drafting Information

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Signed: July 22, 1999.

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Approved: August 13, 1999.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Parts 1, 22, 24, 26, 27, 73, 74, 80, 87, 90, 95, 97, and 101

[WT Docket No. 99-87, RM-9332, RM-9405; DA 99-1861]

Revised Competitive Bidding Authority

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice; extension of reply comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the time to file reply comments on the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* released on March 25, 1999. Reply comments were due on or before September 16, 1999. On September 10, 1999, the Commission released an order (DA 99-1861) that grants the Land Mobile Communications Council's "Request for Extension of Time to File Reply Comments." The new deadline will be September 30, 1999.

DATES: Reply comments must be filed on or before September 30, 1999.